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Zork I release 5 for Apple II, ©1980 Infocom and distributed by Personal Software. 13-sector boot only. Unpreserved.

WEST OF HOUSE

SCORE: 0/3

ZORK: THE GREAT UNDERGROUND EMPIRE -

PART I

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WEST OF HOUSE

YOU ARE STANDING IN AN OPEN FIELD WEST

OF A WHITE HOUSE, WITH A BOARDED FRONT

DOOR.

THERE IS A SMALL MAILBOX HERE.

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Data field checksum is \$1F instead of \$00 on all tracks except track 0.

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I've converted the disk to a standard 16-sector disk, but of course it can't read itself because it needs a 16-sector RWTS. I tried using the RWTS from another Infocom disk, which works until the interpreter loads data over of the last page of RWTS code.

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This apparently works on the original disk, not because it's protected, but because that page of RWTS code isn't needed for reading from a 13-sector disk (only writing). Unfortunately a 16-sector RWTS is organized differently and it does need that page, so naturally it crashes.

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Memory was so tight in 1980 that they OVERWROTE THEIR OWN LOW-LEVEL DISK DRIVER but like just a little bit.

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Richard Garriott

@RichardGarriott

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En respuesta a @a2_4am

With Akalabeth and Ultima, I overloaded the last part of the basic program with a binary of an almost identical program, but with new monsters, while the program was running! Then moved the end of program marker. Totally hacking BASIC unlike anyone else I know of. :) Happy times

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En respuesta a @RichardGarriott y @a2_4am

4am, how does it feel to receive a totally unsolicited comment from Lord British himself?

Personas relevantes

Richard Garriott

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